

Letter from the Executive Director

I invite you to join us on June 22, 2006 for the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission's third annual Emerging Issues Forum at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Please complete the enclosed registration form and send it to us at your earliest opportunity.

At this year's Forum, we will focus on the ethical issues facing the stewards of public pensions, the implications of these issues for Massachusetts retirement systems, and how dilemmas and difficult situations can be successfully addressed. As public servants, we are all held to a high standard. Those who put their trust in us have every expectation that we will conduct the public's business in an ethical manner. When we fail to do so, that trust is eroded. When we make the right choices, when we are open and forthright in our dealings, we are truly serving the citizens of the Commonwealth.

This year's program is one of which I am particularly proud. I am honored by the participation of Inspector General Gregory W. Sullivan, Dr. Sheldon S. Steinberg, Attorney David T. Austern, Attorney Alan P. Cleveland, and Dr. Dennis E. Logue. With their help and yours, we'll examine and debate the ethical choices that can be made. I look forward to seeing you at the Forum and listening to your point of view.

Let us never forget that public service is a public trust. Those of us who are privileged to serve must always remember that our profession is one which must be practiced with integrity.

Sincerely,


Joseph E. Connarton
Executive Director

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